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SUBJECT: DISINFORMATION: TELEVISION DOCUMENTARY ON CIA AND  
DRUG SMUGGLING

1. A PBS DOCUMENTARY FILM CALLED "WAR, DRUGS AND THE  
CIA", WHICH CLAIMS TO REVEAL THE ART OF FINANCING SECRET  
INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS, WAS SHOWN ON SWEDISH TELEVISION,  
OCTOBER 1-2. THE FILM OFFERS UNSUBSTANTIATED TESTIMONY  
THAT THE CIA HELPED FINANCE ITS SECRET WAR IN LAOS THROUGH  
SELLING NARCOTICS AND CHARGES THAT PART OF THE FINANCING  
OF THE CONTRA WAR IN NICARAGUA COMES FROM TRAFFICKING IN  
COCAINE.

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2. THE DOCUMENTARY ASKS WHETHER VICE PRESIDENT GEORGE  
BUSH KNEW THAT PANAMA'S MILITARY LEADER MANUEL NORIEGA WAS  
INVOLVED IN DRUG SMUGGLING WHEN BUSH WAS THE DIRECTOR OF  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE FROM 1976-1977. IT DRAGS UP OLD FILM  
WITH NEW SWEDISH OVERVOICE. THE SWEDISH TEXT GOES  
SOMEWHAT LIKE THIS--"SECRET OPERATIONS APPEAR TO CREATE  
ITS OWN SECRET WORK POPULATED WITH MEN WHOM NO ONE ELECTED  
AND WHOM NO ONE APPEARS TO CONTROL, BUT WHO APPEAR TO HAVE  
FULL AUTHORITY TO ACT IN THE NAME OF THE STATE. SECRET  
OPERATIONS REQUIRE SECRET FINANCING AND THIS IS A THREAT  
TO DEMOCRACY WHETHER IT OCCURS IN THE UNITED STATES OR IN  
SWEDEN." THE FILM PRESENTS FILM EVIDENCE FROM CIA

OPERATIVE TONY POE THAT LAO (MEO) GUERILLA ARMY LEADER VANG PAO USED OPIUM SALES TO HELP FINANCE HIS STRUGGLE AGAINST THE NORTH VIETNAMESE. THE FILM NEGLECTS TO REPORT THAT OPIUM GROWING AND SALES WERE LEGAL AT THAT TIME IN LAOS. THE DOCUMENTARY THEN SWITCHES TO CENTRAL AMERICA AND MAKE THE PREPOSTEROUS CLAIM THAT THE CIA TURNS A BLIND EYE TO THE CONTRAS IN NICARAGUA USING COCAINE TRAFFICKING TO FINANCE ITS WAR AGAINST THE SANDINISTAS.

3. THE FILM DOES PRESENT SOME OFFICIAL DENIALS OF CIA DRUG TRAFFICKING IN NICARAGUA BUT NEGATES THIS PRESENTATION WITH CONTRADICTORY TESTIMONY FROM A CONFESSED DRUG SMUGGLER. THE FILM INVOLVES THROUGH INUENDO VICE PRESIDENT BUSH IN CONDONING THE USE OF DRUG SMUGGLING TO HELP FINANCE THE CONTRA WAR.  
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